This is an exciting time in the educational history of UW-Stout. The unique and long-standing mission of this university is fulfilled through the dynamic and visionary leadership of Chancellor Sorensen. Personally, I feel honored to serve as the newly elected president of the UW-Stout Alumni Board of Directors. The news about the progressive graduate and undergraduate programs here is very inspiring. Reports given by the students, staff and faculty reflect the technological innovations that have distinguished Stout as an outstanding institution.

As board members, we appreciate the opportunity to serve our fellow alumni and the university. Through our support, the university can provide initiatives that enhance the development of all students attending Stout.

Your contributions have been essential to the success of our students, and the achievements that have been made on campus and by our graduates. I encourage all Alumni Association members and students to stay connected to their university, to nurture it with your support and to stay involved.

Johnson Afolayan
President, UW-Stout Alumni Association
The UW-Stout Athletic Hall of Fame class of 2004 was inducted at a luncheon, Saturday, September 25. Inductees represented a variety of sports. The ceremonies kicked off a day that included a Blue Devil football victory, UW-Stout, 49; UW-Oshkosh, 17.


Rich Vargas A two-sport standout in football and track, Vargas won the 1994 NCAA Division III indoor 55-meter dash title. At nationals, he earned All-America honors in 1992, 1993 and 1994. Vargas was the WSUC outdoor 100-meter champion in 1993. In football, he was a two-time all-WSUC choice and team captain.

Julie Maki UW-Stout’s all-time women’s basketball scorer, Maki held career records for points (1620), scoring average, field goals, field goals attempted and assists. Maki, a point guard, was 1993 All-American and WWIAC player of the year. Maki was a three-time first team all-WWIAC selection and two-time NAIA District 14 pick.

Carita Goines could be the best sprinter in Stout women’s track history. She won the WWIAC 400-meter dash in 1992, 1993 and 1994, and captured the 200-meter title in 1992 and 1994. A three-time NCAA Division III All-American, Goines was the 400-meter national runner-up in 1993 and 1994, and a 1994 All-American in the 200. On the basketball court, she was three times Stout’s most valuable defensive player.

Joe Jax An 11-year member of the men’s basketball coaching staff and assistant under Dwain Mintz from 1965-76, Jax helped guide Stout to three conference titles. He was interim coach during the 1969-70 season, posting an 11-5 record and a berth in the NAIA District 14 playoff championship game. Jax was also director of UW-Stout’s Library Learning Center until his retirement.

Terry Petrie Currently, Petrie holds the mark for coaching the most baseball wins in conference history. Claiming seven Northern Division titles and two WSUC titles, he coached 75 percent of all Stout wins during his 30 years. He guided Stout to two NAIA World Series appearances (1989, 1990) and coached 15 All-Americans. Petrie was the WHSBCA coach of the year (1983, 1987), the WSUC coach of the year (1982, 1990) and NAIA Area IV coach of the year (1989). He also was a Stout assistant football and basketball coach.

Tom Armstrong A two-time first team all-WSUC pick, first baseman Armstrong was an All-District, NAIA All-Area IV and honorable mention selection (1984). He posted a career batting average of .372, with 102 RBI, 134 hits and 19 home runs. An honor student, Armstrong received an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship.

HOULE RECEIVES UW-STOUT ATHLETIC DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

John Houle is the 2004 recipient of the UW-Stout Athletic Distinguished Service Award. Houle played football for Stout for one year in the mid-1940s and has been a supporter of Stout athletics ever since. He worked with long-time tennis coach Bob Smith to build the tennis program in the 1980s. Houle served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and then earned a business degree from St. Louis University. Called back into service for the Korean Conflict, he returned to Stout for a master’s degree in guidance and counseling. He received his doctorate from UW-Madison, in educational administration. Houle started teaching at Stout in the early 1960s and retired from UW-Stout’s psychology department in 1985.

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